

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/586,153

Attorney Docket No.: Q96021

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1-3 are amended to include the label “Prior Art”.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS

Claims 15-26 are all the claims pending in the application.

Objections to the Drawings

FIGS. 1-3 are objected to by the Examiner “because only that which is old is illustrated,” and “[therefore] Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--,” (Office Action, page 2). Applicant provides here with replacement sheets for FIGS. 1-3, wherein the figures are amended by the legend “Prior Art”. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, with respect to claim 15 and 22, the Examiner asserts that it is unclear if certain “subsequent actions are taken as a result of the condition checked or regardless of any checking operation,” (Office Action, page 3). With respect to claims 16-21 and 23-26, the Examiner asserts that these claims depend from canceled claims 1 and 9, respectively.

In view of the self-explanatory amendments to claims 15-26, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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